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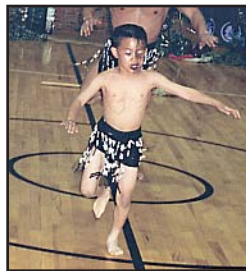
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“The division is scheduled to activate Oct. 1, 1998, here at Fort Carson”

As most of you know, the Secretary of the Army announced Dec. 3, 1997, that Fort Carson was chosen as the site of the new Active Component/Reserve Component division. The division is composed of an active component headquarters and three enhanced separate brigades from the Army National Guard. The three brigades are the 39th Infantry Brigade from Arkansas, the 45th Infantry Brigade from Oklahoma, and the 41st Infantry Brigade from Oregon.

The division identification has not been determined. The Army Command Historian's Office will determine which numbered division

we get based on historical lineage and honors.

The Headquarters and Headquarters Company will consist of approximately 140 personnel. Under the current Forces Command plan, we will have up to 80 soldiers living on Fort Carson. We will not see soldiers arriving at the Mountain Post until after the beginning of the new fiscal year.

Initially, the division will have training readiness oversight. This means we coach, teach and mentor the brigade headquarters and ensure they are training in accordance with current Army doctrine.

If one of the brigades is called to active duty, the HHC will deploy to a training site and conduct post-mobilization training on the brigade. Under the current alternative chosen, the brigade(s) would deploy as separate infantry brigades or be attached to one of the current 10 active divisions. The HHC would not deploy to a theater with the brigade(s).

What does the future look like for the AC/RC division? There are alternatives being

considered to stand up a full division in the near future (four-10 years). The division would most likely consist of Active and National Guard units. In this case, the entire division would be deployable.

Some soldiers have begun to inquire about filling positions within the new division. Personnel Command is currently not looking for people and will not begin to search until the table of organizational equipment and manning is approved. However, if you have light infantry experience in a low density military occupational specialty and are not yet on orders, you may submit your standard name line to your point of contact who should forward it to the AG/GI, attn: Maj. Ivory or Master Sgt. Scott). They will review your records and submit your name to FORSCOM and Department of the Army for consideration.

The division is scheduled to activate Oct. 1, 1998, here at Fort Carson. This represents a significant stride in improving not only the readiness but also the cohesiveness of the

Sound Off!

Why do you think Fort Carson won the Army Excellence award?



1st Sgt. Lorenzo Porras
K Co., 158th Avn.
Due to the pride of families and soldiers.



Sharon Curratt
Family member
It's a well rounded post meeting soldiers and families



Sgt. Dwight Pitts
5025th GSU
The post has improved from the last time I was



Sgt. Patrick Ford
USAG
Because of the new facilities that are improving the

John Deere issues warning on unsafe walk behind mower blades

Fort Carson Safety Office

The John Deere Worldwide Commercial and Consumer Equipment Division recently discovered a potential safety concern with a black mulch blade consumers may have installed on their John Deere walk-behind mowers, 1989-1994 models. Over time, vibration of the mower may cause the black mulch blade to weaken and crack, which could result in the blade breaking. If the blade breaks during use, serious damage to the mower and/or injury to the operator or a bystander could occur. John Deere urges consumers to act upon this safety warning immediately.

Consumers should check the serial numbers of their John Deere walk-behind mowers against the following list.

1989 Model year: 12PBX010001-100000, 12SBX010001-100000, 14PBX010001-100000, 14SBX010001-100000 and 14SEA010001-100000

1990 Model year: 12PBX010001-175000, 12SBA010001-175000, 12SBX010001-175000, 14PBX010001-175000, 14SBX010001-175000, 14SBA010001-175000 and 14SEA010001-175000

1991 Model year: 12SBC200001-275000, 12SBX175001-275000, 14PBB200001-210000, 14PBX175001-275000, 14SBC175001-215000, 14SBE200001-275000, 14SBX175001-275000, 14SEC200001-210000 and 14SEX175001-275000

1992 Model year: 14PBB210001-225000,

14SBC214001-255000 and 14SEC21001-225000

1993 Model year: 14SBC255001-300000 and 14SEC225001-300000

1994 Model year: 14SBC300001-400000 and 14SEC300001-400000

If the mower's serial number is among this list, tip the mower and check the following:

Does the blade appear to have been painted green? A green blade is safe to use and no further action is required.

Is the blade black in color and flat along the edges? If yes, the blade is safe and no further action is required.

Is the blade black with a winged configuration? If yes, the blade must be replaced. John Deere will send a new green blade free

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10th SFG honors fallen comrades

by Nel Lampe
Mountaineer staff

Fallen comrades were memorialized by the 10th Special Forces Group in ceremonies last week.

The Troop Medical Clinic was named in ceremonies May 19 for Staff Sgt. Ricky Lee Robinson, who was killed in 1994 in Northern Iraq.

The 2nd Battalion, 10th SFG Headquarters building was renamed for Master Sgt. Timothy Lynn Martin, who was killed in 1993 in Mogadishu, Somalia.

Building 7404, 3rd Battalion, 10th SFG Headquarters, was named Gordon Hall, for Master Sgt. Gary Ivan Gordon, who was killed in October 1993. While serving with Task Force Ranger in Mogadishu, Somalia, Gordon participated in an attempted rescue of the crew of a U.S. helicopter which had been downed by hostile fire. He was awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously for his efforts.

The athletic field near the entrance of the complex was named Strickland Field, in honor of Sgt. 1st Class Clifford Strickland, who was killed in April 1982 during FLINTLOCK Exercises in Germany.

Gradzewics Barracks was the name given the barracks housed in building 7480. The barracks is named for Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Gradzewicz, who was killed in a helicopter crash in July 1990.

Building 7482 was named Barclay



Photo by Nel Lampe

10th Special Forces Group soldiers present a wreath to the sound of a muffled drum.

Barracks in honor of Staff Sgt. Paul Neil Barclay, who was killed when the helicopter on which he was a passenger was downed by friendly fire in Northern Iraq. Barclay was serving in Operation Provide Comfort II.

LaRochelle Dining Facility is now the name of the dining facility, building 7481. The facility was named in honor of Master Sgt. Mark LaRochelle, who died in July 1990, aboard a helicopter which crashed in extremely rugged terrain during an infiltration mission at the Joint

Readiness Training Center. Colonel Leslie L. Fuller, commander, 10th SFG, said, "It is fitting that we honor and lay to rest our comrades ... 2." In memory of fallen comrades, to the sound of a muffled drum, these sites were called off: The Aleutians; Naples Anzio; Rome Arno; Southern France; Desert Storm and Provide Comfort. Two soldiers brought a memorial wreath forward.

Fellow soldiers spoke to the memory of the honored 10th SFG soldiers. Many of their family members attended the memorialization ceremonies.

Guest speaker was retired Brig. Gen. Richard W. Potter, Jr. Potter previously served as commanding general, Special Operations Command, Europe and as director of Special Operations, U.S. European Command.

He spoke about the 10th group family. He said these NCOs are the backbone, the essence of what a soldier should be. They voluntarily served with cooperation, dedication, professionalism, bravery, love, hard work and total concentration to the good of the team or unit to which assigned. They were committed to excellence and corps covenants; to friends, comrades in arms and loyal subordinates.

He expressed appreciation for these soldiers and families for allowing 10th SFG to share their memory with present and future soldiers who will know they serve in the com-

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Mountain Post Team MVP

571st Medical Company

This week's Mountain Post Team MVPs are Chief Warrant Officer Crist Beseler, Capt. Joe Eckert, Sgt. Scott Foster and Spc. Steve Holguin of the 571st Medical Company.

Beseler, Eckert, Foster and Holguin made up the crew that assisted in the search and rescue mission of an injured snowboarder near the 12,000 foot level of Pikes Peak above Glen Cove May 3.

The crew determined that with the alti-

tude and the wind, they needed to burn fuel off in order to perform the mission safely. Several attempts were made to extricate the patient while keeping the safety of the mission in mind. After dropping off equipment and burning off fuel, mission weight was attained and the patient was successfully extricated.

The medical crew did an exemplary job of patient care, said Nancy G. Thornton, flight nurse, Flight for Life, who nominated the soldiers for the MVP. Your entire aviation and medical crew performed

This feature in the Mountaineer will spotlight a soldier, Department of the Army civilian, retiree, family member or volunteer each week for an outstanding act or performance. We need nominations to run this feature every week. Each week, the MVP will be selected from nominations from the Fort Carson community. Nominations should include the person's full name, rank or title, what they did that resulted in the nomination and a phone number where they can be reached. The deadline for nominations is 3 p.m. Thursday for the following week's Mountaineer. Nominations can be faxed to 526-1021 or mailed to:

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Public Affairs Office, Building 1430
Fort Carson, CO 80913-5000.
For more information, call 526-4144.

Community

Asian-Pacific Americans cele

by Nel Lampe
Mountaineer staff

Asian-Pacific Heritage month is observed each May to honor the accomplishments of Asian and Pacific Americans and to recognize their many contributions to our nation... from the proclamation signed by President Clinton.

According to Capt. Jean Kobes, Equal Opportunity Office, this is one of eight ethnic heritages marked by the Department of Defense as part of the process of cultural education. It is a chance for the soldiers to see the contributions made throughout the history of the military, which have made the nation strong.

The event was held in the Post Field House.

Kobes pointed out the display which recognized medal of honor winners, congressmen, Olympic-class ice skaters and

other Asian-Pacific Americans.

This is the first time a half-day event of ethnic food and dancing has been offered to the Fort Carson com-

munity, but Kobes hopes it won't be the last.

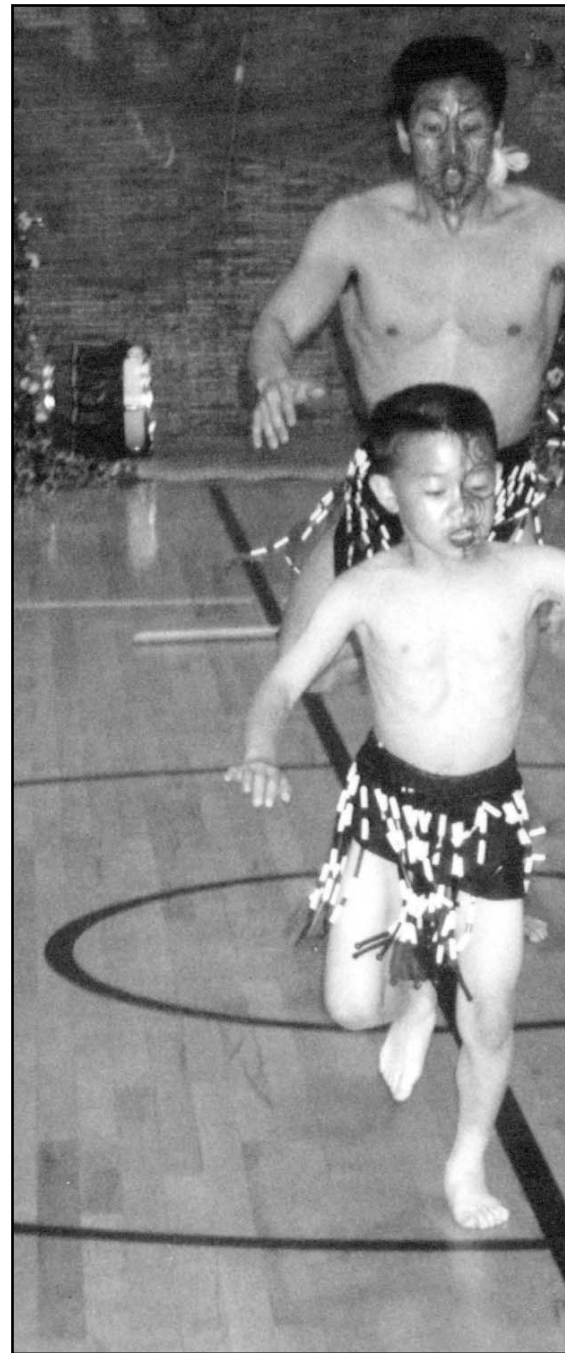
We asked for volunteers, Kobes said, and several groups came forward: the Filipino-American Community of Southern Colorado, Guam Marianas Club of Colorado, and the First Samoan Congregational Christian Church, as well as individuals.

The groups cooked and brought the food, which was enthusiastically tasted by visitors. The luau-style pig was cooked in a pit, which was lined with rocks, wood and wet newspapers. The cooking started at 11:30 p.m. Wednesday night, and was completed at 4:30 a.m. the next day.

The menu also included Filipino lumpia, chicken adobo and fruit salad; Guamanian chicken salad, flour tortilla, beef kabob and Latiza for dessert.

According to Julie Asi, who played drums for the group, the Samoan dancers are members of the First Samoan Congregational Christian Church which meets at Prussman Chapel on Fort Carson.

Sia Siva enjoyed watching the dancing as she held the baby of one of the dancers. A native of Samoa, she came to Fort Carson via Fort Wainwright, Alaska. She met her husband



Chris San Luis, 6, and Chad Ikei perform dance.



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COPS offer weapon safety

by Spc. Alex C. Domangue
Fort Carson Military Police
Community Oriented Police
Station

If you turn on the television, listen to the radio or read the newspaper, you have probably heard of a child who has either killed or wounded someone with a gun, or has been the victim of such a tragedy. Many of these incidents could have been avoided if the parents had exercised proper storage of the gun, education of the uses and dangers of guns and adequate safety precautions.

All Fort Carson soldiers in the ranks of private through specialist are required to maintain their weapons in the unit arms room. Soldiers in the ranks of sergeant and above can maintain their privately owned weapons in their quarters with their commander's permission. If you keep your weapon at home, you have the responsibility to

ensure the weapon is properly secured and locked away from children. Parents should exercise extreme caution if weapons are stored in their household. Small children should never handle guns. If small children are allowed to handle guns when the parents are around, the child will more than likely handle the gun if the gun is discovered when the child is alone. It is also important to remember that although you may not keep a gun in your home, other people do. Your child may encounter a gun at a friend's house or at a public place such as a park, school or playground. Parents should answer their children's questions about guns as honestly as possible to avoid making a gun an object of curiosity. It is the parents' choice to decide when their child is old enough to properly handle a gun and receive more extensive safety training. Just remember, if par-

ents fail to properly safeguard weapons in the home, they can be held liable for the actions their children take with the weapon. Therefore, the following safety rules are important to instill into our children. If they see a gun, they should:

- stop,
- don't touch,
- leave the area and
- tell an adult.

Just as children should follow the above four safety rules, adults should follow the following four safety rules:

- always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction;
- always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to fire;
- always keep the gun unloaded until ready to use; and
- always keep the gun locked and secured away from children.

Various devices exist to assist in securing a weapon, such as: trigger locks, gun safes and cabinets. Depending on the

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Red Cross honors volunteers at re

Fort Carson Red Cross

The American Red Cross recognized more than 260 volunteers April 29 for voluntary service during 1997. Red Cross volunteers provided 47,403 hours of service to the Fort Carson community.

Brigadier Gen. John K. Schmitt, deputy commanding general, presented every volunteer with a certificate, year pin and an American Red Cross Armed Forces Emergency Services Coin. The coin depicts all the military services the Red Cross supports. On the reverse side of the coin, is a list of the military conflicts the Red Cross has been involved with.

Special Red Cross Awards were also given to a few dedicated and deserving volunteers, leaders and organizations that supported the Red Cross throughout the year. The Good Neighbor Award was presented to the Fort

Carson Officers and Civilians Spouses Charitable Organization and the Fort Carson Thrift Shop for their continued support and humanitarian contributions to the Fort Carson Red Cross. A Major Contributor Award was given to the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo Association for consistently donating significant gifts to support the Fort Carson Red Cross. Certificates of Appreciation were presented to numerous organizations or individuals that supported the Red Cross during the year. They are: Army Emergency Relief, Dental Activity, the Corps of Engineers, Evans Army Community Hospital, the Fort Carson Pools, Pacific Architects and Engineers, the Naval Reserve, and Bethany Tozer, Medical Department Activity director of volunteers. Unique awards were given to two individuals who have given numerous hours of

service to the Red Cross. The Elaine Bila Award was presented to Elaine Bila for her dedication to the soldiers and their families in the Colorado Springs community; and the The Christina Taylor Award was presented to Christina Taylor for her dedication in training soldiers and their families to prevent, prepare and respond to emergencies. Three volunteers, K.V. Loehr, Marjorie Massmann and Jim Woods, were presented the Honor Award for Exceptional Volunteer Service. The National Clara Barton Honor Award for Meritorious Volunteer Leadership for service in a number of leadership positions held over a period of years was presented to Kathy Mann, HUB chairman; Vickie Bush, Health and Safety Chairman and Marty Hewitt, Station Chairman. These three women received a certificate, an engraved coin and pin for their

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AFAP delegates choose top 5

by Harriet Rice
Community and Family Support
Center

Public Affairs Officer

Even while the Army is cinching in the proverbial resource belt, senior leadership continues to listen to the grass roots concerns of its constituents.

Those constituents—active duty, reserve component, spouses, civilians, retirees, youth, married and single—were represented by 18 delegates to the first Army Family Action Plan Process Action Team that met April 26 to 30 at Fort Belvoir, Va.

For five days, these volunteers from 12 major Army commands worked 46 issues that had survived tough scrutiny by chains of command to reach the Department of the Army level. The mission: whittle that number down to five items considered most criti-

cal to the Army's quality of life.

The top five issues dealt with retirement benefits, financial planning education, remote site compensation, additional marriage and family counselors, and a more flexible dental plan.

In addition, the group was asked to name the five most important currently active AFAP issues and the five most valuable services available in the Army.

Brigadier Gen. Evan R. Gaddis, commander of the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center gave examples of how AFAP issues changed things in the Army over the past 15 years.

Increased Servicemen's Group Life Insurance was \$50,000. It went to \$150,000 and now we have the option to take it to \$200,000. How about the temporary lodging allowance? It used

to be three days, went to four, and now it's at 10 days. These were AFAP issues we brought up in a forum just like this, he said.

They want to know what comes out of here because they know they're going to be answering to you!

He reminded the group to keep your expectations realistic; don't ask for something we know we can't get. The Army, he said, does not have a lot of money.

Army Sgt. Maj. Robert E. Hall described where the Army is today: 33,000 soldiers deployed in 79 countries; 2,300 are National Guard and 3,300 are reservists.

We've lost 450,000 soldiers because of the drawdown. The budget's gone down 40 percent.

Now, he said, the Army is balancing three brass balls—quality of life, readiness and modernization—all of which carry equal weight. We can sit in the Pentagon and talk about modernization and readiness, but you come from where it's morale; it's quality of life, he told the delegates.

What soldiers say they really want is some assurance for their families that the support activities stay at the same level they are right now.

Six of the delegates were selected by their peers to present their decisions to the Steering Committee, chaired by Army Vice Chief of Staff Gen. William W. Crouch.

Army National Guardsman Maj. Barry Richmond from Ninevah, Ind., laid out the delegates' five most valuable services

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Photo by Anne Sellmansberger

Army Family Action Plan leaders listen as delegates report their top five issues.

New bus route serves Falcon

City of Colorado Springs

A weekday bus service to and from Falcon (soon to be renamed Schriever) Air Force Base has begun in the Colorado Springs community.

The Schriever AFB Express route will originate at the Tiffany Square Park-n-Ride at Woodmen Road and I-25, make stops along Woodmen, Powers Boulevard, Constitution Avenue, Space Village Park-n-Ride, Peterson AFB and will end at Falcon AFB.

The express service includes three morning and three afternoon/evening trips

Schriever AFB Express was created without local taxpayer money and is being funded for one year by the U.S. Department of Transportation through a Congestion Mitigation Air Quality demonstration grant. The establishment of the new service has been a joint effort between Springs Transit and the U.S. Air Force.

Basic fare (age 12-59): 75 cents

Zone fare: 25 cents

One way trip: Tiffany Square to Falcon AFB -- \$1. Peterson AFB to Tiffany Square -- \$1. Peterson AFB to Falcon AFB -- 75 cents. Falcon AFB to Peterson AFB -- 75 cents

Student fare (age 12 - high school): 50 cents, school days only.

Child fare (age 11 and younger): 35 cents. Age 5 and

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Retired, divorced TRICARE questions and answers

Evans Army Community
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This column is dedicated to answering TRICARE questions we have received from our patients. Many of you have had the same question, so we're presenting this summary in an effort to reach a wider audience. To submit a question, call Evans Army Community Hospital at 526-7777. We'll answer it, and if it's beneficial to everyone, we'll include it in a future Q & A column.

Q: I've been using TRICARE Extra as my health plan but would like to switch to TRICARE Prime. Is there a penalty if I change TRICARE options?

A: You can switch from TRICARE Extra or Standard to TRICARE Prime simply by completing the TRICARE Prime enrollment form available at the TRICARE service center. There is no penalty when changing from one to the

other. By enrolling in TRICARE Prime, however, you agree to remain in Prime for 12 months. Also, if you're a military retiree or retiree family member, you will have to pay the annual TRICARE Prime enrollment fee of \$230 for an individual or \$460 for a family. It may be helpful to know that it's best to submit the enrollment application before the 20th of the month as it will be processed so that your TRICARE Prime benefit becomes effective the first of the next month. If an application is submitted after the 20th of the month, it missed the optimal processing time and delays the effective date of your TRICARE Prime benefit until the first day of the following month.

Q: My husband is currently on active duty and we (non-active duty spouse and two children) are enrolled in TRICARE Prime at Evans. He will retire in about six

months and we'll remain in the Colorado Springs area. How do we transition from TRICARE Prime as active duty to Prime as retirees?

A: Since you and your husband are younger than age 65, the transition you refer to is fairly simple. To avoid a lapse in your coverage, timing is very important. Please review the response to the first question above, regarding applications submitted before/after the 20th of the month. We recommend you submit your TRICARE Prime enrollment application such that your benefits as retirees are effective on the same day as your retirement date. With that application, you will need to remit an enrollment fee of \$460 for your family. This can be paid in four quarterly installments of \$115. We recommend you visit the TRICARE service center to obtain an enrollment application and discuss

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Chapel

Sunday worship services normally held at Soldiers Memorial Chapel will be conducted at McMahon Theater. Catholic Mass is at 9:30 a.m. and Protestant worship is at 11 a.m. Child care is provided.

An account has been established to receive donations toward the replacement of sanctuary furnishings destroyed during the January fire at Soldiers Memorial Chapel. Send checks or money orders to that chapel or the Installation Chaplain's Office.

A new liturgical worship service is being planned for Fort Carson as a result of needs expressed by several families. Those who have traditions such as Lutheran, Episcopal, Presbyterian and Methodist may be interested in this new service. Time and location have yet to be determined. Call Chaplain Brock at 526-1473 for more information.

The Fort Carson Catholic Parish is sponsoring a trip to the life-size Stations of the Cross exhibit in San Luis, Colo. June 13. The bus will depart Soldiers Memorial Chapel at 8 a.m. for this full day trip. Space is limited, call Kathy at 392-4788 to register.

Chapel Schedule

ROMAN CATHOLIC

Chapel	Service	Day	Time	Location	Coordinator
Healer	Mass	Sunday	11 a.m.	Evans Army Hospital	Fr. ...
Healer	Mass	M - W - F	Noon	Evans Army Hospital	Fr. ...
Provider	Mass	Sunday	12:15 p.m.	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. ...
Soldiers	CCD	Sunday	10:45 a.m.	Nelson & Martinez	Ms. ...
McMahon	Mass	Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Bldg. 1517	Chap. ...
Veterans	Mass	Sunday	8 a.m.	Magrath & Titus	Chap. ...

Changes in worship services due to the fire at Soldiers Memorial Chapel are den

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Healer	Protestant	Sunday	9 a.m.	Evans Army Hospital	Chap. ...
Prussman	Protestant	Sunday	9 a.m.	Barkeley & Ellis	Rev. ...
Provider	Sun. School	Sunday	10:15 a.m.	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. ...
Provider	Protestant	Sunday	9 a.m.	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. ...
Prussman	Sun. School	Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Barkeley & Prussman	Chap. ...
Prussman	Prot./Samoan	Sunday	11 a.m.		Bar. ...
Chap. Giles/526-4206					
Soldiers	Sun. School	Sunday	9:30 a.m.		Nel. ...
Scheck/526-5626					
McMahon	Protestant	Sunday	11 a.m.	Bldg. 1517	Chap. ...
Veterans	Protestant	Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Magrath & Titus	Chap. ...
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For additional information contact the Installation Chaplain's Office, Bldg. 333-2636. Normally, free child care is available for infants and preschool age children at worship services. Some worship services offer a children's church for ages 6 to 12.

Daily Bible Readings

In order to assist in regular scripture reading, the following scriptures are recommended. These are part of the common daily lectionary which is designed to present the entire Bible over a three-year cycle.

Saturday, Psalms
Sunday, I Samuel
Monday, Isaiah 12
Tuesday, Psalms
Wednesday, Psalms
Thursday, Psalms

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by Chap. (Capt.) Carl

Rosenberg

3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment

Most historians will say that wars are fought for control over a certain area of land. Although control of land may be an important aspect of wars, I believe the deepest motivation for war is theological or religious. Soldiers generally fight for their buddies or unit but even that motivation has to do with our understanding of God.

General George C. Marshall wrote: I look upon the spiritual life of the soldiers as even more important than this physical equipment. The soldier s heart, the soldier s spirit, the soldier s soul are everything. Unless the soldier s soul sustains him, he cannot be relied upon and will fail himself and his commander and his country in the end.

It s morale and I mean spiritual morale which wins the

victory in the ultimate, and that type of morale can only come out of the religious nature of a soldier who knows God and who has the spirit of religious fervor in his soul.

All soldiers are to be allowed to practice their religious faith to the extent that the mission allows. The commanders on this post are very supportive of soldiers practicing their religious beliefs. The chaplains and chapel programs

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A father's story: son shot by gang member

by Al Valdez

Orange County (Calif.) District
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Editor's note: the following is an article that appeared in Police magazine written by the father of Joshua Valdez, who was injured in a shooting at a Colorado Springs nightclub.

The telephone rang at 2:33 a.m. March 9, 1998. When I answered, the person on the other end said, Mr. Valdez, I am First Sergeant Michael Cline, 43rd Engineers, Fort Carson. I'm sorry to inform you that your son, Joshua, has been seriously injured and is in intensive care at a local hospital.

To my horror, the first sergeant told me that my son, who is active-duty enlisted with the 43rd Engineers in the U.S. Army, had been shot in the head and was not expected to survive.

Thoughts started to rush through my head and I got a very sick feeling in my stomach. I was in shock.

I was told my son had been attacked by gang members in Colorado Springs. He was on life support and had been given his last rites. First Sgt. Cline did his best to comfort me and assured me the 43rd Engineers would help my family through this.

My father and I flew to Colorado Springs later that day.

The plane ride was long and our conversation minimal. All I could think about was getting to my son. Frankly, I did not know if I would ever see my son alive again.

I remembered talking to Josh on the telephone just a few days before this happened. He had just

reenlisted and was planning to make the Army a career. He had qualified for and was accepted into the Army Ranger and Jump schools. I was proud of his accomplishments.

When we landed, my son's platoon sergeant was waiting to escort us directly to the hospital. The ride was made easier by Sgt. Manuel Sarracino's demeanor and courtesy, but you can't imagine the anxiety that had built up in me during the six-and-a-half hours it took to arrive there.

To my surprise, the Army had arranged for us to stay in a quiet, comfortable room in a small house on hospital property. Sergeant Sarracino led us to my son's room, about a five-minute walk away.

When I saw Josh and was told his status, the reality of the situation set in. He had been shot in the head with a 9 mm round which blew up on impact. The bullet fragments had done severe damage. Josh was unconscious and on a respirator. Any hopes of him surviving quickly disappeared.

I had seen this scenario many times before during my investigations. Few victims, if any, ever survived.

The decision was made to remove the breathing tube to make my son more comfortable. There was a good chance, however, we would lose him on doing this. We prepared by saying our goodbyes to Josh. This is the most unnatural act a parent can do for his child. It's almost like something dies inside you.

When the tube was removed, a miracle occurred; Josh continued to breathe on his own.

Josh was still in critical condition. He was unconscious but had short periods of consciousness. He was also in excruciating pain. Plastic tubes protruded from every orifice. The sight was really overwhelming.

As family members began to arrive, the members of the 43rd Engineers continued to come to the hospital. They showed their support through little things like bringing us drinks, reminding us to eat and being there, ready to help at a moment's notice. Everything was done without request.

Josh continued to surprise everyone. He began to stabilize and grow stronger. His periods of consciousness would last longer and he began to mumble for water.

Josh had been restrained because it is common for people with head wounds to become combative. At one point, he began screaming, Dad, please cut me out of this! Dad! Dad! Please help me!

It is an awful feeling to listen to your own child scream for help and beg you to help, especially when you can do nothing.

I was so upset I cried until there were no more tears. I was so frustrated that I could do nothing but be there and listen to my son suffer. Every hour or so, a member of my son's unit would check on us.

During the first week, we were literally escorted every day by members of the 43rd Engineers and other soldiers at Fort Carson. It was so comforting to know that so many people cared about my son. The men and women of my son's unit even took up a collec-

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representing U.S. Army Forces Command.

He cited statistics underscoring how serious a problem indebtedness is: \$30 million in bad checks at AAFES in fiscal year 1996, AAFES Deferred Payment Plan accounts delinquent by \$20 million.

Commanders and NCOs have stated that this is one of their biggest problem areas that takes up a large amount of (their) time. Most soldiers coming into the military today have received very little or no financial training, he said.

The proposal: to establish a full time command financial specialist position at battalion level throughout the Army, similar to a program currently in place at Fort Hood, Texas.

Command Sgt. Maj. Benjamin Palacios, III Corps, has seen firsthand the success of the Fort Hood program.

Palacios tied soldiers' financial problems to the lack of soldier pay. He described how a private first class, married with two children, lives on \$1,670 a month. By the time he pays his rent and everything else ... that soldier has a disposable income of \$17. What can a soldier do with \$17? If he

has a flat tire, he can't even take his family out to dinner at McDonald's. So he has to fall back to moonlighting, his spouse working, running up the credit cards, said Palacios. By working with command financial specialists, soldiers learn to manage their money more efficiently.

Hall supported parts of the solution that recommended incorporating personal financial management training in Army school systems, but expressed reservations about establishing a unit full-time position.

There are other good programs out there. The secret to this is getting it into the NCO education system where we train leaders. Then every sergeant, every squad leader, every first sergeant becomes an expert in financial management, he said.

Gaddis noted that CFSC is already paying a civilian firm to develop this type of training.

What happens to soldiers who are assigned duties at locations geographically remote from those services? That was the heart of issue number 3, Lack of Benefits due to Geographic Location, discussed by Lisa Marcum, wife of a Fort Knox enlisted soldier.

There are many soldiers living in isolated areas such as recruiters, Army National Guard, and ROTC staff. These soldiers

incur increased costs without compensation which leads to major financial difficulties, stressed Marcum. Our recommendation is to compensate (them).

Crouch acknowledged the problem. This is a toughie, he said.

The problem is not unknown to DoD and Congress, according to Ohle, who said congress has tasked the Defense Department to study the issue. I think this is a very appropriate issue and it will be part of our study.

As U.S. Army Pacific Command's representative, Spc. Daniella Rosario of Fort Richardson, Alaska, pointed out in her briefing of the number 4 issue, there is a shortage of professional marriage and family counselors.

While there are chaplains available, Rosario pointed out, not all of them are trained marital counselors. Some individuals are uncomfortable seeking help from a chaplain not of their religious orientation. Rosario concluded by asking the Army to increase the number of family counselors overseas.

The Army chaplain GOSC member Brig. Gen. Gaylord T. Gunhus responded that \$42,000 is spent annually to train 12 family life chaplains who are assigned to

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Mountain Post's newest team

5025th GSU provides support post directorates

by Pfc. Socorro A. Spooner
Mountaineer staff

The newest unit to join the Mountain Post Team is the Reserve's 5025th Garrison Support Unit. The unit was activated in late November. Since then, they have been working throughout Fort Carson in many of the garrison directorates.

We are working closely with all the directorates on post, said Col. Donald R. Pankratz, unit commander.

Not only will we be working side by side with the current Garrison soldiers, we will also be learning how to make a seamless transition from our unit to the current garrison unit in the event it becomes deployed.

The command group also wants this to work smoothly so the 5025th GSU's soldiers can become trained in their jobs as part of the garrison support unit, said Master Sgt. Carmie Eichhorn, acting sergeant major.

The reservists will do drill weekends here and some will work during the week, said Lt.

Col. Gary Calabrese. The directorates are wanting more people from our unit.

Some of the reservists are currently in the 1st Cavalry Division, 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, 4th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 5th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 6th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 7th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 8th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 9th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 10th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 12th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 13th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 14th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 15th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 16th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 17th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 18th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 19th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 20th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 21st Armored Cavalry Regiment, 22nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, 23rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, 24th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 25th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 26th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 27th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 28th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 29th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 30th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 31st Armored Cavalry Regiment, 32nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, 33rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, 34th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 35th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 36th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 37th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 38th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 39th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 40th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 41st Armored Cavalry Regiment, 42nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, 43rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, 44th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 45th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 46th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 47th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 48th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 49th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 50th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 51st Armored Cavalry Regiment, 52nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, 53rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, 54th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 55th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 56th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 57th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 58th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 59th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 60th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 61st Armored Cavalry Regiment, 62nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, 63rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, 64th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 65th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 66th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 67th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 68th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 69th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 70th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 71st Armored Cavalry Regiment, 72nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, 73rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, 74th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 75th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 76th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 77th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 78th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 79th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 80th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 81st Armored Cavalry Regiment, 82nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, 83rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, 84th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 85th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 86th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 87th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 88th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 89th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 90th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 91st Armored Cavalry Regiment, 92nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, 93rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, 94th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 95th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 96th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 97th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 98th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 99th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 100th Armored Cavalry Regiment.

It's all hands on; they have something to offer, said Col. Rimmert Fowler, unit commander.

Some of the upcoming training the unit will be doing is Forward 2000, said Eichhorn. The unit will be doing an exercise which will be on the Mountain Post. It will be a simulation of a real mobilization of the unit. It will be very close to how things would go if it actually happened, said Eichhorn.

This actual training will help us with the unit so that they can give high quality support to the unit, said Eichhorn.

Not only do the reservists benefit by being here, but they also do the post with all of the Army drawdown, said Eichhorn.

We feel we are a welcome addition to the unit, said Eichhorn.





Victor Lopez places a wreath at the 4th Infantry Division memorial.



William Richter, 8, clad in battle dress uniform of the U.S. Navy memorial for the ceremony to

Veterans, soldiers honored in Memorial Day ceremonies

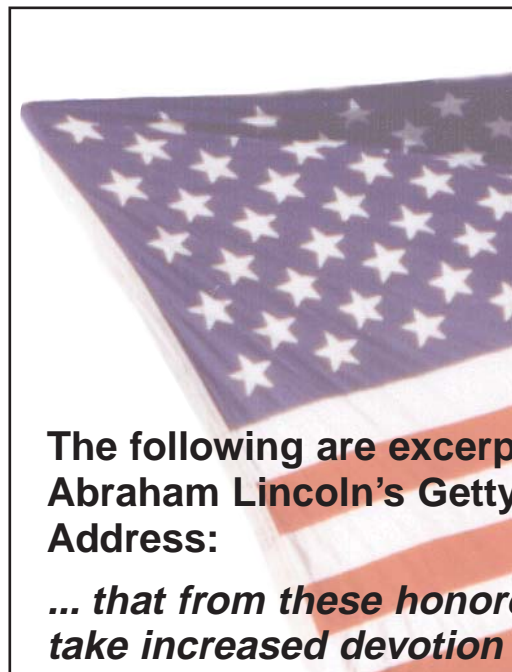
by Nel Lampe
Mountaineer staff

Flags flew from porches and doorways. Flags on poles flew at half staff. Memorial Gardens Cemetery and Mausoleum flew 175 American flags in tribute. A veterans section in Evergreen Cemetery had an American flag at every gravestone. It was Memorial Day, and the flags honored America's fallen soldiers.

In a ceremony held at the Veterans Memorial in Memorial Park, tribute was paid to fallen comrades.

Sponsored by the Pikes Peak Veterans Council, the 11 a.m. ceremony began with military music provided by the Pikes Peak Brass Sextet. The Colors were posted by a Color Guard from Fort Carson, supplemented by the Canadian Forces.

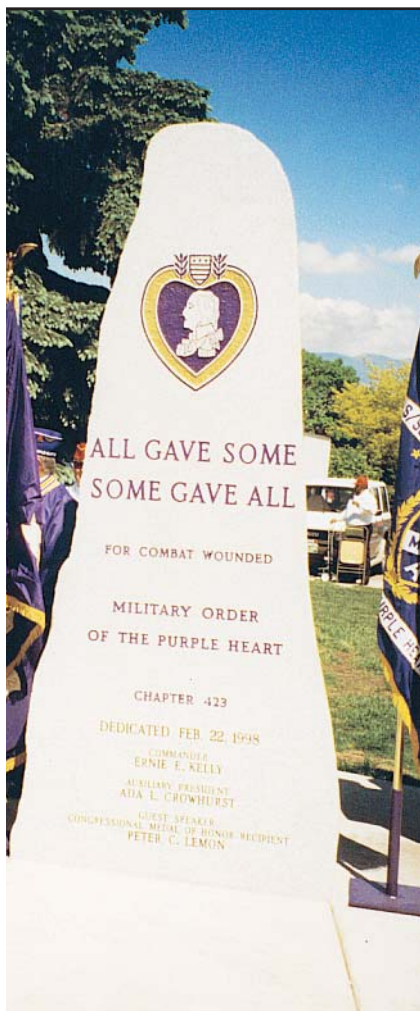
Attendees ranged from children to senior citizens and from privates to generals; from 8-year-old William Richter, a future Marine, to Mary York, a 25-year U.S. Navy Medical WAVE, who parachuted



The following are excerpts from
Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg
Address:

*... that from these honored dead
we take increased devotion*

FEATURE



of the Military Order of the ceremony.



New commander
takes
charge

Colonel George L. Deason, commander 43rd Area Support Group presents the unit colors to Lt. Col. Janice Berry, incoming commander of 68th Armor as outgoing commander Lt. Col. Nancy Austin looks on during





Photo by 1st Lt. Terry Arnold

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The 1st Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment, Mortar Platoon, 1st Support Brigade, 1st Mountain Division, is rappelling down range during training, which is part of Camp Red Bull Mountain, where soldiers with combat experience are used in rappelling training. The soldiers are wearing safety harnesses and safety equipment. The rappelling portion of the training was over the top of the mountain, where three attention points were marked. The 30-foot tower was used for rappelling. There will be more training to come.

Sports & Leisure

43rd Combat Engineer Company beats HHT 2/3 in slugfest 19-17

by Walt Johnson
Mountaineer staff

The 43rd Combat Engineer Company withstood a furious late game rally by the Headquarters, Headquarters Troop, 2nd Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment softball team to squeak out a 19-17 victory in the Mountaineer game of the week May 21 at Mount Massive field in the sports complex.

HHT was undefeated heading into their game against the 43rd CEC. HHT was in first place and looking forward to ending the evening in first place after the game.



The only problem was they were facing a team, 43rd CEC, that also wanted to end the evening in first place. As the heavyweights looked across the field from each other they knew one thing, what they had to give today they had to give, because this would be a game decided by men, and the faint of heart need not play today. The game did not disappoint anyone.

The 43rd CEC struck first in the top of the first inning as Sgt. Elton Dixon blasted a solo home run to give his team a 1-0 lead. Sergeant Robert Ellerman also scored in the inning giving their team a 2-0 lead. HHT wasted no time getting back into the game as Spc Joey Rubio reached base on a single and then strolled home Spc. Anthony Wheeler's home run tying the game at two apiece.

Sergeant Robert Estep and Sgt. 1st Class Randall Goble scored two runs for the 43rd CEC in the top of the second inning as they retook the lead, but that lead would be short lived as HHT came up with three runs in the bottom of the second to take the lead back at 5-4.

The story of this game was unfolding as the third inning began. Whenever one team seemed to be taking control, the other team would answer and this inning would be no exception for the 43rd

CEC.

Dixon reached base on a walk and then walked home ahead of a booming home run off the bat of Ellerman giving the 43rd a 6-5 lead. After getting the HHT out in order in the bottom of the third inning, it appeared the 43rd CEC was taking control of the game. In the top of the fourth inning appearances went out the window as the 43rd CEC scored nine runs highlighted by home runs from Dixon and Ellerman.

In the fourth inning, the first seven CEC batters, Estep, Goble, Spc. Jason Flores, Cpl. Cole Statts, Dixon, Ellerman and Spc. Raymond Littlefield, each reached base and scored before an out was recorded.

After one out in the inning Staff Sgt. Freddie Hill and Pvt Eugene Schandler scored to give the CEC a huge 15-5 lead and they were threatening to blow the HHT team right out of the game.

Going into the inning, Sgt. Don Pitts said his team had a let's not die attitude.

We had the attitude that we weren't going to give up because we knew the game wasn't over. We decided we wanted to try to get even and then win the game in the later innings.

CEC allowed the HHT team to come off life support in the bottom of the fourth by walking four batters, three of whom scored along with Sgt. Don Pitts to cut the HHT deficit to 15-9.

Fort Carson Intramural Softball Standings

As of May 27, 1998

Mount Lincoln			
	W on	Loss	
G B			
64th FSB	4	0	
HHT 3/29 FA	4	0	
B 1/68 AR	2	0	
C 3/29 FA	3	0	
534th Sig	1	2	
B 1/8th Infantry	1	2	
B 4th Engineer	2	3	
HHC 4th Engineer	2		
HHC 1/12 Infantry	3		
A 4th Engineer	0	4	
Mount Yale			
	W on	Loss	
G B			
C 1/12 Infantry	4	0	
D 1/8th Infantry	2	1	
C 1/44 ADA	4	1	
B 1/12 Infantry	1	2	
B 3/29 FA	2	2	
C 64th FSB	1	2	
C 1/68 AR	0	1	
A 1/8 Infantry	0	2	
HHC 1/8	0	1	
C 4th Engineer	1	2	
Mount Belford			
	W on	Loss	
G B			
SVC 3/29	2	0	
D 1/8 Cobras	1	0	
A 1/68th AR	1	0	
HHC 1/68th AR	1	0	
A 1/12 Infantry	3	2	
DFA C	1		
A 3/29 FA	1	3	
LPA	0	2	
C 1/8th Infantry	0	2	
Mount Harvard			
	W on	Loss	
G B			
360th Trans	5	0	
183rd Maintenance	3	1	
4th PSB	4	1	
10th CSH	1	0	
984th MP	1	0	
13 ASOS	1	0	
59th MP	2	1	
32nd Trans	2	5	
148th MP	1	2	
4th FIN	3		
60th Ordnance	0	3	
A Co. 52nd Eng	0	3	
Mount Elbert			
	W on	Loss	
G B			
ADA Battery 1/3	5		
D Co. 1/3	3	1	
S&T Troop	2	1	
A Troop 1/3	2	2	
Maintenance Troop	1	1	
C Troop 1/3	1	3	
B Troop 1/3	0	2	
HHT 1/3	0	3	
HWB 1/3	1	2	
Mount Princeton			
	W on	Loss	G B
L Troop 3/3	2	0	
HHT 3/3	2	0	
RHHT	1	0	
T Troop 4/3	2	0	
K 158th AVIM	1	1	
M Company 3/3	1	2	
HWB 3/3	1	2	
P Troop 4/3	0	3	
ITroop 3/3	0	2	
Mount Massive			
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43rd CEC	2	1	
571st Med Co	2	1	
F Troop 2/3	1	2	
66th M.I.	1	2	
G Troop 2/3	1	1	
HHT 2/3	1	1	
E Troop 2/3			
H Company 2/3			
HWB 2/3			
Mount Oxford			
	W on	Loss	G B
HHC 10th SFG	2	0	
MEDDAC/DENTAC	1	0	
HHC USAG	1	1	
60 Ord	0	1	
CS Recruiting	0	1	
SJA	0	1	

Mortar Madness comes down to the last event

by Walt Johnson
Mountaineer Staff

When Sgt. Travis Tremblay, Spc. Neil Thomas, Spc. Herman George (who was also the top individual competitor) and Pvt. Robert Cain of Echo Troop, 2nd Squadron 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, finished the four-mile relay and completed their involvement in the Super Bowl of mortar competition, they were the first winners of the first ever post mortar madness competition.

Mortar madness competition was a four-day event that featured a variety of grueling and challenging competitions soldiers from each participating unit attempted to master. In addition to the Army Physical Fitness Test, the tasks included: road marches; a gunner's exam; land navigation (day and night) procedures; M-16/M-4 tactical shooting; dismounted 120 mm missions; disassembly and reassembling of M-16/M-4; small arms competitions and a hand grenade assault course. The competition was also designed to train and assess individual and unit qualifications in a squad level competition setting according to 1st. Lt. Steven Melito, 1/8 Mortar Platoon Leader, and he said the competition did just that.

The biggest thing we learned is how to work together as a squad. You could see it happening throughout the week. The squads had their ups and downs, but when it came down to it they came together. Even the squads who were in eighth place and knew they wouldn't win the competition just kept pushing on. If they lost a man they still drove on, Melito said.

The four-day event pushed the participating soldiers to levels they rarely experience and that was the



Photo by First Lt. Steven Melito

Participants in mortar madness prepare a 120 mm gun during an exercise.

way the event was planned according Sgt. 1st Class Bobby Stringfellow. He said the competition would definitely separate the men from the boys because they would be challenged like another well known Army specialty that only accepts the elite.

We designed the competition with the same idea the Army has for ranger school. Everyone can't make it through ranger school, and everyone who wants to be a ranger can't be a ranger. When it came to mortar madness we want-

ed to make it that type of challenge. Everyone who wants to be an 11 Charlie (the best in the infantry) can't be an 11 Charlie because you have to be tough to make it as an 11 Charlie.

Melito said after the first two days, the competitors had already walked 10 miles and ran about three miles, did land navigation the whole day and the whole night and began showing some signs of fatigue. The guys kind of hit their low point after the first two days but then on the third day they

picked up their pace again.

Ironically, the winning team thought they would not have the stuff of champions when the competition started because they feared they did not have the extensive training their infantry counterparts came with into the competition.

We didn't give ourselves much chance to win initially, Tremblay said. We asked ourselves are we ready for this?,

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Rockin'-Jockin' Basketball at McKibben tonight

by Walt Johnson
Mountaineer staff

Tonight the stars will shine at McKibben gym here as the annual Rockin Jockin Basketball Jam will feature two basketball games, one between local and regional high school stars and the other matching the Harlem Clowns against the World Class Athletes beginning at 7 p.m.

Tickets for the event sell for \$5 per night for anyone over 5 years old and can be purchased at the Youth Center. All children 5 and under will be admitted free. All proceeds from this game will be used to support the Increase the Peace and other youth programs, in addition to helping pay for the Harlem Clowns services.

The Rockin Jockin Basketball Jam is designed to bring focus to the Increase the Peace program, which encourages youth to stay away from violence and gang activities. The program began Monday and will conclude Saturday with basketball games at McKibben gym beginning at 7 p.m.

Tonight's games feature the co-ed high school North vs. South game at 7 p.m. That will be followed by the Clown All-Stars vs. the Increase the Peace high school team. Saturday, there will be a North vs. South females vs. males game at 7 p.m., followed by

the Harlem Clowns against the World Class Athletes.

Rockin Jockin is an annual event sponsored by the Directorate of Community Activities and the Child Youth Services office to support, publicize and emphasize the importance of the Increase the Peace program.

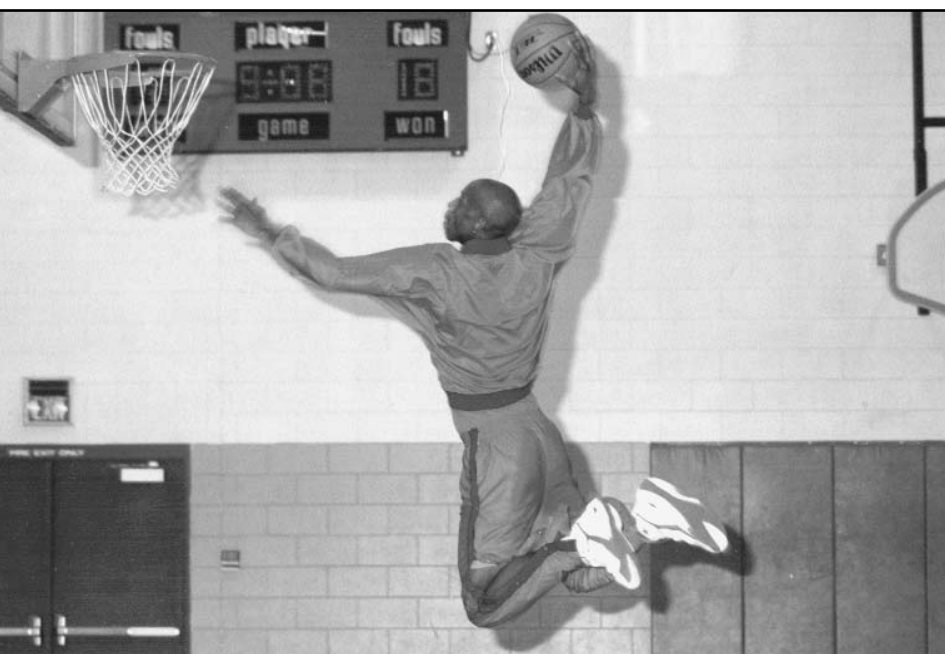
The Harlem Clowns team captain made time to give people a history of the team and what makes their mission important, said Joe Leavell, program coordinator.

We also had players available to speak to people about their personal background, which many people found interesting, said Leavell.

The Harlem Clowns also interacted with youth on subjects such as being role models, education and personal goals, Leavell said. The Clowns went into Colorado Springs and visited various areas such as Memorial Hospital, Fountain-Fort Carson High School, Carmel Middle School, West Middle School and made many other promotional visits.

We make these visits because it's not always about the dollar bill, Clowns team captain Terrence Morris said.

We like to reach out to the communities we perform in and hopefully bring the role model



Courtesy photo

A member of the Harlem Clowns goes in for a slam dunk.

ideal back to basketball for youth and adults, said Morris.

The week's activities began Tuesday with an autograph session featuring the Harlem Clowns at 4 p.m. at the CYS Youth Center, building 5950. On Wednesday and Thursday the Harlem Clowns held a clinic for youth at the CYS Youth Center from 4 to 8 p.m. each day. The clinics were open to all youths ages 6 to 18. Participating youths received a Rockin -Jockin T-shirt in addition to taking part in the two-day clinic.

On Tuesday, the clinic featured ball passing, shooting, dribbling, defensive skills, rebounding and

an exhibition game. On Wednesday the focus of the clinics was the same with the Harlem Clowns determining the youth Most Valuable Player Awards, best defensive player award, best sportsmanship award and selection of the Harlem Clowns special guest, who will be a part of the Clowns team for the games today and Saturday.

At press time the identity of the youth was unknown.

Thursday was a media day as people got a chance to see the high school all-stars and watch them scrimmage at 4 p.m. at the CYS Youth Center. Area high

On The Bench

Utah Jazz all set to wrap up their state’s first NBA championship

by Spc. Jon Parr
14th Public Affairs
Detachment



The playoff race in the NBA western conference was supposed to be wild. What it turned out to be was crazy but it wasn't very wild.

According to all the experts, Seattle was supposed to meet Utah in the Western Conference Finals, but those pesky Los Angeles Lakers played the best series in the franchise history since the Magic Johnson era and eliminated the Sonics in five painful, if you're a Sonics fan, games. Of course the Jazz had some trouble early in the playoffs, but found an easy ticket to the conference finals by beating the Spurs in five games before they broke out their brooms and swept past the Lakers. With all the confidence that those three playoff series can bring, I am now ready to proclaim the Jazz will do something special this year. Now they will prevail as the third team to win an NBA championship in the 90s, and the second to win one with Michael Jordan playing on the Bulls roster.

First, it's a given the Jazz will meet more competition from whoever comes out of the eastern conference in the NBA finals. By no means are the Chicago Bulls or the Indiana Pacers an equivalent to the Lakers, nor can you expect them to put up such a sorry effort

as the Lakers did in the conference finals. Make no mistake though, neither team can defeat this Jazz team this year, not with the way the Mailman and company are playing.

The Bulls may have Michael Jordan which is enough for any team to win the championship and the pacers may have Reggie Miller, but neither team brings the intangibles to the table the Jazz will. The only problem with the Bulls is they lack the hunger that Karl Malone, John Stockton and Jeff Hornacek have burning in their stomachs.

The Pacers have Reggie Miller and the hunger to win a championship on their side also, but they lack the kind of depth and the ability to hang with the Mailman and company that will be necessary in the NBA finals. While it would be a great story to see the Pacers and Larry Bird win the title, the likelihood is that it will not happen.

Personally, I would like to see the Pacers upset the Bulls and Jazz, but Elvis has a better chance of coming back from the grave than for that to happen. However, no matter what happens in the eastern conference playoffs, you need to look no further to know the Bulls dynasty is over they need to stick a fork in themselves because they are done. Even if the Bulls manage to get by the Pacers they will find their time has run out when they come up against the buzzsaw known as the Jazz.

Why will the Jazz beat the Bulls? The Bulls are champs, but every champion falls to a new one. His royal airness, Jordan, will

ensure the series is entertaining but he better not be the only one that shows up for the series against the Jazz. This Jazz team is a team that an opponent will need to have all its pieces contributing if they are to be stopped. Considering the run the Jazz are on right now, it seems nothing short of an NBA all-star team will beat them, and neither Chicago nor Indiana have the talent to be considered an all-star team. It should take the Jazz seven games to win this series, although they might get lucky and pull one out in Chicago or Indiana. They have home court advantage regardless of who they play and they are hot at just the right time. One last thing Scottie Pippen or anyone else can forget about Malone missing any clutch free throw this year. Pippen and anyone else playing the Jazz will know the mailman will deliver on Sunday and every other day in this series.

Why will the Jazz beat the Pacers? Everybody talks about Miller being the key to the Pacers, but it is the Davis brothers (Antonio and Dale) and Rik Smits that have kept this team alive. Odds are against the Pacers making the finals, but Larry Legend (Bird) has pulled off greater feats in his playing time and he may be able to teach his team how to play the way he did at crunch time. However, as good as the Pacers may be, they can only go so far, and not far enough to win the NBA championship, not this year anyway. They may match the desire of the Jazz, but the Davis brothers can't

On The Bench

Bulls or Pacers will whip the Jazz and win the NBA title

by Walt Johnson
Mountaineer staff



If you ve been missing the Eastern Conference finals basketball playoff series between the Chicago Bulls and the Indiana Pacers, what you re missing is the chance to see the next NBA champions

play. You see my colleague, Spc. Jon Parr, believes the Utah Jazz will win the NBA title this year, but I say they have as much chance of winning the title as I have of becoming the Republican nominee for president in the year 2000. In fact, now that I think about it I do have a better chance of being nominated than the Jazz have of winning the title.

Now I know what Jon is going to say about the Utah Jazz. He s going to say they disposed of the Los Angeles Lakers, er, Lakers in four games and that will prove that they are more than ready to meet the challenge of either the Bulls or the Lakers.

Now I will be the first person to say I was rather impressed with the way the Jazz and Karl Malone manhandled the same Lakers, I mean, Lakers team that disposed of the Seattle SuperSonics (who just fired their coach George Karl) in such easy fashion. Anytime you get to a conference title round, and you eliminate another team in

four games that has to open some eyes. Does the sweep of the Lakers mean the Jazz are ready to claim their first NBA title? Not yet.

The Jazz are the same team that had to go five games to defeat an old, aging and worn out Houston Rockets team, that played the last three games without Charles Barkley. This is the same team that almost got itself in trouble against a young, heartless, and overmatched San Antonio Spurs team. Had the Spurs made a last second shot in game two of their series, the outcome could have been different. Then they get the luck of the draw and get a Lakers team that is more interested in looking good than playing good. Sweeping the Lakers should not cause anyone to be giddy over the Jazz, but there are people who are. The fact is, they will lose to either the Bulls or the Pacers and here s why.

For most of this season, people said the power in the NBA has shifted to the Western conference and seeing that three of their playoff teams won 60 games or more this year there was some reason to believe the power was out west. Appearances are deceiving.

If the Pacers beat the Bulls in their playoff series they will bring to the table something the Jazz never had to face out west. The Pacers have a very good starting unit, led by sharp shooting Reggie Miller and center Rick Smits. They are ably supported by the best bench in the playoffs, featuring Antonio Davis, Derrick McKey and Jalen

Rose among others. Think its a fluke that they have destroyed their first two opponents and are now giving the Bullies all they want? Well its not. The Pacers have the players to beat Utah and anyone else and they will because their starting team is better than the Jazz in four of the five positions. What makes the Pacers such a difficult matchup for the Jazz is they won t be able to give the old timers, John Stockton, Jeff Hornacek and Karl Malone, as much rest as they have been able to out west, and that will show the longer the series goes on.

As for the Bulls, well I could take the easy way out and say Michael Jordan and nothing more need be said. But it goes deeper than that. While Michael is the reason the Bulls will win the NBA title again, his teammates also bring something to the table they Jazz haven t had to deal with. The Bulls are every bit as talented as the Jazz starters for starters, and while the Jazz bench is better in terms of depth, the Bulls may have a better bench in terms of quality.

No one on the Jazz brings the intangibles to the table that Scottie Pippen does and this matchup more than the mismatch with Michael will determine this series. When you consider Michael will score his 30 points to offset the Mailman, you have to wonder who on the Jazz can offset Pippen. Hornacek hasn t shown the ability or desire to score in the playoffs. Byron Russell is just a good small forward, not one of the NBAs top 50 players. John Stockton has

Mortar

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and we asked ourselves is there a chance we can win? After the first day we checked the standings, saw we were near the top and then decided we would pull together. After it was over and we came through and ended up winning the thing, I remember thinking it was the best feeling I've had working with a group of guys.

Coming into the final day of the competition Sgt. Gary Villalobos and his squad (Spc. Timothy Slatten, Pfc. James Daniels and Pvt. Brian Widner) from the 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry were in first place by five points and two other squads, the eventual champions and another squad from the 1/8, were tied for second place. Each group knew to be in contention for the championship, they had to finish the 12-mile road march under three hours and finish as a squad. The squad from the 1/8 lost a member of his unit to injury and that eliminated them from first place.

That feeling of joy Tremblay spoke of almost didn't come about because Tremblay nearly didn't have the physical tools needed to make the 12-mile walk. His feet were killing him at this point and the idea of the 12-mile walk wasn't appealing. But true to the competition's goals, he put the good of the group ahead of the good of the individual, with some help from his friends.

I didn't know if I could make the 12-mile walk in three hours but I also felt if I didn't I would be letting these guys down. We all knew we had to make it to get the maximum points and I said if I have to make it I have to make it. The guys pushed me and we made it, Tremblay said.



Photo by First. Lt. Steven Melito

Participants in Mortar Madness take a chance to rest their tired feet after a 12-mile walk.

At the 10-mile point I looked up and Specialist Thomas (Thomas said he took it upon himself to dance to keep the team's spirits high) was dancing. I could barely walk and I looked up and saw him dancing and said to myself, if he can dance I can walk, he added.

That left Villalobos and Tremblay's squad all alone to battle it out for the championship with the four-mile relay set to decide the title. The deciding four-mile squad relay race almost didn't happen also because the competition leaders gave a slight thought to canceling the run after watching the contestants over the first few days.

I considered canceling the event on Tuesday because we

had guys falling out of the competition. We started with 71 people and were down to 55 due to various injuries on Tuesday I thought if they continued to fall off like this, by Wednesday we would have 25-30 people.

That would have been all right because we planned the competition so that might have happened. But I still didn't think we would lose that many people in the first few days. On Wednesday we had a semi mellow day with only seven miles of road marching and some things that weren't as physically strenuous so we only lost a few more people so we didn't have to consider canceling the relay.

As fate would have it the competition that tested people like

they have never been tested before (I thought it was tougher than going for an Expert Infantryman Badge, Thomas said) would come down to a relay race and the 2/3 team was ready to claim their prize.

We were confident we could do well if we could get back from the 12 mile walk under three hours, George said. We run a lot during our physical training everyday because our platoon sergeant (Sgt. 1st Class Kerry Moore) is a runner and I think that has a lot to do with the training he gives us. That is what makes us good runners.

Melito couldn't agree more as he also said it was just a case of one team doing what they do best to win the title.

Denver museum home to history, prehistoric fossils

by Nel Lampe
Mountaineer staff

A vast collection of dinosaur bones is housed in the Denver Museum of Natural History that is the best in the nation. And rightly so, as many of the dinosaur skeletons on display throughout the world are from Colorado and surrounding states.

But skeletons are only a small part of the Denver Museum of Natural History, although a life-size Tyrannosaurus Rex which dominates the entrance lobby might mislead you.

Visitors could easily spend most of the day exploring the many exhibits available. To start with the first floor, there is a gem and mineral display, ancient peoples, and Egyptian mummies.

The Gates Planetarium is included in the admission price and features laser shows set to music. For example, Laser Motown, RetroLicks (Zeppelin, Stones, Aerosmith) Pink Floyd's Dark Side of the Moon and The Wall and Nine Inch Nails, are the laser concerts. The laser concerts are usually on Thursday through Sunday, depending on the time of year. The laser concerts will end in September, so check out the schedule and times by calling (303) 370-6487 or check the internet at <http://www.laserfantasy.com>.

More traditional shows are also scheduled for the planetarium. Images from the Hubble Space Telescope, a voyage to the mysterious worlds of the solar system, a look at the night sky and a show geared to children ages 3-7 are on the schedule. Check with the museum for showtimes.

Possibly the most popular exhibit includes the dinosaurs. Prehistoric Journey is on the second floor. Early prehistoric life from about 600 million years ago is depicted through fossils, bones, artist renditions and artifacts, and it's totally fascinating. Imagine if you can, Kansas with a coastline. And there are fossils and artifacts to prove it.

Did dinosaurs walk around in Colorado? Footprints, artifacts and fossils are the proof. Giant pigs in Nebraska, native American elephants, mammoths, sea turtles, giant birds and gigantic dinosaurs? Yes, all of them existed in Colorado or neighboring states, and can be seen in the prehistoric collections in the museum.

Dioramas artistically depict prehistoric scenes, such as the Kansas coastline, and the Nebraska woodland.

Many of the fos-



Photos by Nel Lampe
Tyrannosaurus Rex greets visitors to the Denver Museum of Natural History.

sils in the museum can be touched, and are so marked.

Museum employees can be observed working in the fossil lab through glass walls at the prehistoric exhibit.

Also on the second floor is the entrance to IMAX theater, but tickets must be purchased on the first floor.

Showings are once an hour starting at 11 a.m. On Monday the last show is at 4 p.m., and other days the last show is at 8 p.m. Shows are usually sold out, so buy your ticket early, and plan your museum visit to accommodate an IMAX showing. Tickets for IMAX only are \$6 for adults and children 3-12 are \$4. A combination ticket for the museum and IMAX is at considerable savings. Plan for at least 20 minutes waiting in line just to get into the IMAX. Everest, a film about three people climbing the 29,028-foot peak in 1996, complete with stunning photography is now showing. Everest is the

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Giant pigs roamed Nebraska's woodland millions of years ago.

What's inside

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A pull-out section
for the Fort Carson community
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most successful IMAX film ever, and actually is No. 16 in current box office standings. It is showing at the IMAX until Oct. 8.

Also on the second floor are North American Indian cultures; North American wildlife, South Pacific Islands, and Australia displays. The scenes include dioramas which are beautifully done, placing animals in their natural habitat and some are shown in mid-stride.

A whale skeleton, donated by Colorado College, is displayed on the second floor.

The third floor includes Colorado exhibits, bird displays and Africa and South America exhibits

Back on the first floor for food and soft drinks. The T-Rex Cafe

has a selection of hot foods, hamburgers, salads and desserts. Cafe patrons have use of a large dining room. The deli has cold sandwiches, salads, muffins, soft drinks, coffee and the like. Umbrella shaded tables are located in the atrium hallway in front of the deli. Prices in the Deli and cafe are about standard prices for an attraction higher than a fast food outlet but not as expensive as an airport.

A picnic lunch could be enjoyed at one of the deli tables, or on the grounds. The museum is located in City Park, so there are lots of trees and grass available. A lake is behind the museum providing a nice view of downtown Denver.

The Denver Museum of Natural History was started when the Denver City Council appropriated \$17,500 for a museum building in 1897. But the first wing wasn't completed until 1903, located in the east end of City Park. The central wing was finished in 1908, and opened to the public on July 1. At that time, the view from the museum was 100 miles in any direction. Presently, 100-year old trees and residential and commercial buildings prohibit such a long view, but the state capital, downtown skyscrapers and the mountains can be seen from the second floor window-wall.

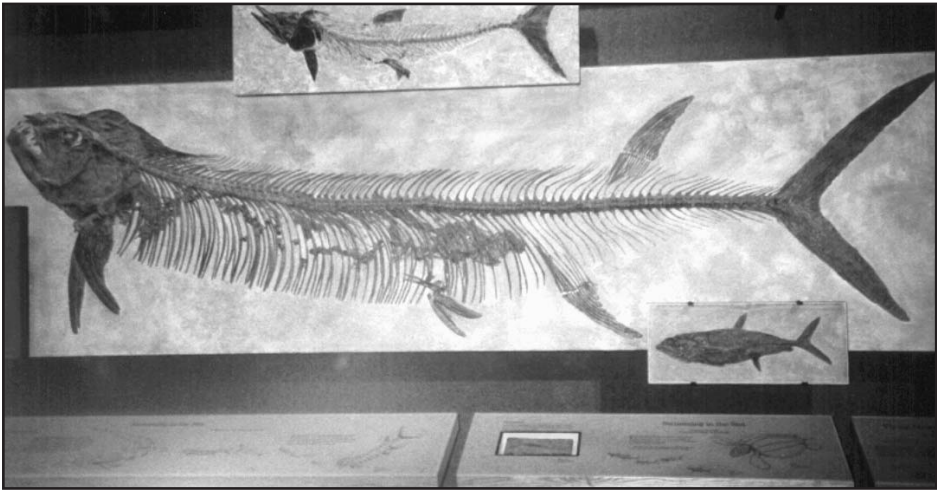
The museum's collections number more than 650,000.

A gift shop has a large selec-



Photos by Nel Lampe

The state capital building, skyscrapers and the Rockies can be seen from the second floor of the museum.



This gigantic fish swam in a Kansas sea 85 million years ago.

Just the Facts

Travel time

90 min

utes

For ages

all

Type

museum

Fun factor

★★★★

(Out of 5 stars)

Wallet damage =

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(Based on a family of four)

\$ = Free

\$\$ = Less than \$20

\$\$\$ = \$21 to \$40

\$\$\$\$ = \$41to \$75

\$\$\$\$\$ = \$76+

Military Briefs

The Central Issue Facility will close June 29 through July 3 for a four-day total inventory

The Staff Judge Advocates legal assistance division and the claims section will close Friday at noon.

The 4th Finance Battalion will conduct a change of command ceremony Tuesday from 10 a.m. to noon. The outgoing commander is Lt. Col. Kenneth E. Crowder and the incoming is Lt. Col. Charles M. Kuyk.

Due to the ceremony, the office will be closed all day. The staff will only accept emergencies and TIs June 9 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and June 10 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

For more information, call 526-9900 or 526-6296.

The 3rd Battalion 29th Field Artillery will conduct a change of command ceremony Tuesday at 1 p.m. The outgoing commander is Lt. Col. Frank R. Hull and the incoming commander is Lt. Col. Michael P. Kelliher. A small reception follows the ceremony.

4th Finance Battalion will be using the NBC Chamber June 11 from 7 a.m. to noon.

Anyone with claims against or indebtedness to the estate of Spc. Antonio Jackson should contact Lt. Ryan Werling at 526-2925.

Accident Avoidance Training will be con-

ducted Wednesday and Thursday at the Driver Testing Station. The training sessions will be from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. The class limit is 25 students for each session. Last day to reserve space is today. For more information, call 526-5534.

A representative from Blue Cross & Blue Shield will be available June 9 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center conference room to answer questions civilian employees have concerning health care benefits. For more information, call Sandy Lumberg at 526-1777.

The 4th Engineer Battalion will conduct its Platoon External Evaluations June 9 through 17 on ranges 105 and 111. The EXEVAL involves live fire.

The Commanding General's Newcomers Expo and Briefing is set for 1 to 3:15 p.m. June 12 at Elkhorn Conference Center. Spouses are welcome and child care can be prearranged by calling 526-5977. The briefing is mandatory for all newly assigned soldiers and officers to Fort Carson. Duty uniform is mandatory. For more information, call 526-0428.

The Joint Personal Property Shipping Office will be moving to building 1220. The move will begin June 15 and they will only be offering limited services June 15 through June 19 at the current location. If soldiers are planning to move in July and have orders, they should call now to begin processing. For more information, call 526-3755.

The Fort Carson R&U Shop is accepting reservations for classes June 15 to June 19. The class will be limited to 20 people. For more information, call Gary Grant at 526-5844

or come in person to building 218.

89th Chemical Company, Support Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment will use smoke generators Monday and Tuesday at training areas 31, 39 and 40.

Fort Carson Emergency Medical Technician Courses are now held in building 6281. EMT Basic class dates are July 13 to Aug. 7, and Aug. 31 to Sept. 29. EMT Refresher class dates are June 8 to June 12 and Aug. 17 to Aug. 21. To register, contact your unit operations section. For more information, call 526-2820 or 526-5341.

A local Officer Candidate School Board will be held June 22-26 at Elkhorn Conference Center for those applying for OCS. Soldiers applying must have their packets to the Personnel Actions Branch by June 15. Uniform for the board is the Class A uniform. The Headquarters, Department of the Army, OCS board will be Aug. 16 to 20. For more information, call 526-1906 or 526-4039.

The Supply Management Branch, including material management section I and II, customer assistance, local purchase, editing and the main offices have relocated from building 8000 to building 237. Telephone numbers and fax numbers remain the same. For more information, call 526-9086.

The Fort Carson Mounted Color Guard is conducting tryouts for the team every Wednesday through Friday by appointment only, until its vacancies are filled. The team is looking for highly motivated, self motivated soldiers who are good with horses. For more information, call 526-4985.

Sports & Leisure Athletics

The first John Mobley Football Camp will be held at the University of Denver June 14 to 17. The camp is open to boys ages 8 to 18.

Featured at this year's camp will be current Bronco players Neil Smith, Rod Smith, Terrell Davis and Detron Smith as well as other Bronco players. Also, coaches from the U.S. Air Force Academy, Kansas State University, University of Miami, Oklahoma State University, University of Colorado, University of California, Los Angeles, Brigham Young University, Colorado State University and Wyoming will be there.

For a free camp brochure, call 1 (800) 799-7981.

Ironhorse Fitness Center will hold a racquetball tournament July 7 to July 11. The tournament is open to Colorado Springs military community, active duty and family members over 16, retirees and Department of Defense civilians. The double elimination tournament has no entry fee. Entry deadline is July 1. Categories are Men A/B/C, Women and Mixed Doubles. There will be awards for first and second places.

For more information, contact Bill Reed at 526-2706.

The annual Rockin Jockin Basketball Jam will take place at McKibben Gym today and Saturday. Rockin Jockin is an annual event sponsored by the Child Youth Services offices to support the Increase the Peace program.

This year's event will feature the Harlem Clown All Stars, the Army's World Class Athletes, high school stars from the Denver area and many local high school basketball players from the Colorado Springs area.

Monday through Saturday has been designated Increase the Peace week here and in the Colorado Springs area. There will be two days of main events. The first night features the high school North vs. South game. That will be followed by the Clown All-Stars vs. the Increase the Peace high school team.

For more information, call 526-2597.

Don Eddy basketball camps will be conducting a camp for both boys and girls, July 13 to 17 at Liberty High School, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Don Eddy basketball camps are nationally recognized for their expertise in the instruction of shooting and one-on-one of fensive skills.

Students from age 8 to 18 are eligible to attend. For more information call or fax 210-492-9779. You can also visit their web site at www.debb.com.

The Fort Carson Youth Services office is accepting applications for volunteer tennis coaches. For more information, contact Lamont Spencer at 526-3368.

The 1998 Garrison Golf League has begun and will be conducted on Monday afternoons at the Cheyenne Meadows Golf Course on post. All members of the Fort Carson community are invited to participate in the league and are encouraged to bring along friends and co-workers. Tee times for the league start at 3:30 p.m. and run until 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Russ Lee at 526-8346 or Cap Jean Kobes at 526-9469.

The Cheyenne Meadows Golf Course office has announced the following fee changes effective immediately.

Category one: weekday \$8; weekend/holiday, \$10; Twilight, \$5; 10 play, \$60.

Category two: weekday \$12; weekend/holiday, \$14; Twilight, \$9; 10 play, \$100.

Category three: Department of Defense: weekday \$14; weekend/holiday, \$16; Twilight, \$11; 10 play, \$120.

Civilian: weekday \$20; weekend/holiday, \$22; Twilight, \$14; 10 play, \$180.

The twilight rate is only available after a designated time in the afternoon. Currently it is 6:30 p.m. but that will change as sunset time changes.

RIDEFINDERS will be sponsoring the 5th annual bike week program designed to promote the safe and fun use of bicycles for commuting and recreational purposes June 20 to 28 according to the Colorado Springs office of public communications.

A free breakfast will be provided at the

Kids sought for touring theatrical troupe

Fort Carson Public Affairs Office

The opportunity for young entertainers to shine on stage is just around the corner with the development of a new children s performing group in the Colorado Springs, Fort Carson, and Peterson Air Force Base areas.

The new theatrical troupe is a touring children s performing song and dance group called The Rainbow Kids. An open audition for The Rainbow Kids is sched-

uled for June 9, starting at 6:30 p.m. at 7344 Colonial Drive in the Fountain/Widefield/Security area. The new group will be open for children ages six through 14 years. Experience is not a required to become a member.

The Rainbow Kids show format is a touring children s song, dance and comedy group dedicat-ed to presenting professional qual-ity, family style entertainment in a variety of settings. The music includes routines from the 1930s,

40s, and 50s, Broadway, modern and country and western. The nonprofit group will present free programs ranging from 20 to more than an hour at military facilities, schools, churches, community and military events, youth centers, shopping centers and patriotic events. Shows should be booked throughout the Colorado Springs area as well as Colorado and northern New Mexico.

Performances have already been presented at Turkey Creek

Recreation Area and other sum-mer locations include Fort Carson s Ironhorse Park and the Fountain Fall Festival.

For more information on the group or to schedule a perfor-mance, contact Ron Joy at 391-2678 or 526-1264.

The kids are under the direc-tion of Joy, who has developed similar groups in Phoenix and Lakeside, Ariz.; San Bernadino and San Diego, Calif.; Stuttgart and Frankfurt, Germany; Hickam

Bowling center opens new Pro Shop

by Walt Johnson
Mountaineer staff
People who use the Fort Carson Bowling lanes will notice an exciting new addition in a familiar place when they visit the center's Pro Shop.

According to Don Cade, bowling lanes manager, customers will notice an impressive new shop with a tremendous amount of new merchandise in addition to all the usual good items the shop stocks, for the customer's convenience and bowling needs.

Cade and his staff have renovated the old Pro Shop and installed a new innovative, customer-friendly store that will be a bonus for bowlers for years to come.

Gone is the old non-user friendly display areas that used to be in the Pro Shop. In its place are stylish display shelves and

attractive walls that make it easy and simple to identify and find what today's bowler needs to improve or help their game according to Cade.

We think the new design is more consistent with the type of marketing that is needed for today's consumers, Cade said.

We now can show the consumer what items we have and if I don't have what they need in stock I can get it for them in one day if the supplier in Denver has it, he added.

Cade and his staff made renovations to the center's Pro Shop that would have cost thousands of dollars for just under \$1,000. He said the work done was a team effort by all of his staff and himself and they did it under unusual circumstances.

We took out a lot of the unnecessary items we had in the

Pro Shop during our free time here. When we had the chance to take a few minutes to work on the renovation we did it. It took us about a month to finish it this way, but it was worth it to us because we wanted to take advantage of the space we have to give our customers better support, Cade said.

The renovations include new attractive shelving for the bowling items which gives customers the opportunity to see the items with a perfect view. Cade said the Fort Carson lanes are one of only two in the area that set up with Ebonite equipment, which ensures bowlers top of the line equipment for their bowling needs.

The new Pro shop is currently stocked with the latest in bowling balls, bowling shoes, socks, bags, towels, T-shirts and gloves. The center has more than 105 different

types of bowling balls, ranging in price from \$40 to \$195. Currently 30 different styles of bowling balls are on sale. Included in the bowling ball selection are eight limited edition Denver Bronco Super Bowl champion bowling balls.

We have a full spectrum of bowling balls, and we believe if we can't fit you in a ball something is wrong.

Not only can the lanes Pro Shop fit you in a ball, if for some reason a bowler's ball becomes defective, the Pro Shop's bowling ball repair shop can fix or repair the ball to almost new condition.

We have the ability to repair and polish a bowling ball and bring it back to factory condition, Cade said. Normally, we can accomplish this in one day. We also are pleased to have this facility because we can guarantee you that if our lanes damage a bowling